CRPF personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir

983. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the number of jawans of the Central Reserve Police Force killed, injured and kidnapped by the suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir in the months of January and February, 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): Two CRPF jawans were killed and 63 injured by the suspected terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir in the months of January and February, 1990. No CRPF jawan has been kidnapped during this period.

Anti-India statement by the President of Bangladesh

984. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement of the President of Bangladesh to the effect that he sees India as its only adversary and possible source of threat; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to statements to that effect attributed to President Ershad.

(b) Government has raised this matter with the Bangladesh Government. In a joint press conference during my visit to Bangladesh from 16—18 February, 1990, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, in reply to a journalist's query, said that he did not think the President ever said such a thing. He further said that the President had been quoted out of context.

Booth capturing incidents in Assembly Elections

985. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of booth capturing that took place in various States during the elections of State Assemblies in February, 1990; and

(b) what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from concerned States/UT and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Communal tensions in the country

986. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindu chauvinists and Muslim fundamentalists are creating communal tensions in different parts of the country under one pretext or the other and if so, what are the ramifications of such activities and the effects thereof on the integrity of the nation and the steps being taken to crush such efforts; and

(b) what steps are proposed to deal with communal violence ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Some fundamentalist and revivalist elements have been trying to create communal tensions. The Government is determined to foil their attempts. The Government is also of the considered view that a national consensus should be built to tackle the problem of communalism and to foster all round communal harmony and emotional integration.

(b) As regards steps taken to prevent communal violence and for promotion of communal harmoney in the country, it may be stated that in addition to the guidelines already issued to the various State Governments/UTs for prevention of communal violence and for promotion of communal harmony material support in terms of paramilitary forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when requested subject to their availability to assist them in effectively managing and controlling the riot situation on ground. The Central Government also shares its intelligence with the concerned State Governments for prevention of communal violence. With a view to evolving national consensus of issues affecting emotional unity and communal harmony in the country, the National Integration Council has been re-constituted.

It is the resolve of the Government that no efforts would be spared to guarantee full protection to the minorities and for promoting all round communal harmony in the country.

Supersession of Metropolitan Council and MCD

987. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Metropolitan Council and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been superseded;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the elections to these bodies are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) The Metropolitan Council of Delhi has been dissolved on 13th January 1990 and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been superseded on 6th January 1990 for a period of four months.

(b) With regard to the Metropolitan Council of Delhi, the president of India received a report from the Administrator of the Union territory of Delhi and after considering the report, he was satisfied that a situation had arisen in which the administration of the Union territory of Delhi could not be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966 and that for the proper administration of the Union territory of Delhi, it was necessary and expedient to do so. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi had persistently made defaults in the performance of the duties imposed on it by or under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, abused its powers and shown incompetence in the performance of its duties.

(c) Under section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Lt. Governor of Delhi is to call for elections to the Delhi Metropolitan Council in consultation with the Election Commission. It is the Election Commission that would advise the Lt. Governor as to the actual dates of the elections, when consulted by the Lt. Governor